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This paper is a request for a **continued prosecution application** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of:

Applicants: Jay M. Short and Martin Keller
Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE-BASED SCREENING FOR NOVEL ENZYMES (As Amended)
Prior U.S. Application No.: 08/876,276
Filing date: June 16, 1997

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein. The prior application is currently up on Appeal.

The prior application is assigned of record to DIVERSA CORPORATION, by virtue of an Assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on December 17, 1999 at Reel No. 010476, Frame 0273.

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This request includes three (3) sheets, and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);
- Check No. 540462 in the amount of \$438.00; and
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The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is incorporated by reference.

Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY STATUS** in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at 858-677-1456.

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